



February 16, 2024

To Members of the Conservation Commission:

Regarding the Conservation Commission hearing on Thursday, February 15th of the proposed Thorndike Place development, we would like to address the questions raised by the Conservation Commission pertaining to stormwater reports and additional groundwater level testing. We respectfully ask that the Con Comm be precise in their written requirements of the Applicant to include the following:

- With several wells already installed on the site, it needs to be certain that at least one well be located within the footprint of the infiltration system.
- The wells shall be monitored either on-site (witnessed by the Town and/or its agent) or digitally (paired with a Town official and/or its agent).
- The wells need to be monitored in the spring months (March, April, May) when seasonal high groundwater levels are likely to be at their highest.
- A clear timeline needs to be established as to how often the wells will be monitored.
- The most conservative results must be used.
- The Applicant needs to respond as to why their calculations provided in the Stormwater Report for the primary infiltration structure were based on a duration of 0.046 days or 1.1 hours, whereas MADEP Stormwater Standards require a minimum of 24-hours.
- The Stormwater Report for the primary infiltration structure needs to be revised using the required minimum of 24-hours.

Thank you on Behalf of the Coalition to Save the Mugar Wetlands,

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